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Veat Speaks

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The Vandenberg Enlisted Action Team (VEAT) is excited to be a part of the Enlisted Monthly. We would like to take this opportunity to inform the enlisted community on what the VEAT has to offer. Last month we hosted the first annual SSgt select promotion party at the Pacific Coast Club (PCC). It was a fantastic event which gave the VEAT and base leadership a chance to celebrate with the new SSgt Selects. The VEAT also volunteers around the community:

We had volunteers from the VEAT that helped with the Tops in Blue concert earlier this month. On October 1, 2005, we will be collecting donations for the Food Pantry at the commissary, and on the first Monday of every month we work at the GI Java in support of the dorm residents. That is just a snapshot of what the VEAT has to offer. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 1330 at the PCC and hope you will join us for our next meeting.

The estimated opening date for the field is Sept. 30. The paintball field will be located at the Archery Range off of 13th Street.



In order to facilitate the wants of the majority of participants, the paintball field will be a combination of two kinds of games. The 100 by 200-foot area will be for the "speedball" games and the rest of the area is for the "woodsball" games.

By **AIRMAN 1ST CLASS ANDREW CLARK**
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The speed ball area will have moveable obstructions, "bunkers" that are infallible and can be repositioned to change the game and the objective.

The paintball field will be open Tuesday and Thursday for squadrons to sign out to use for their convenience. Friday will be open for PT and Saturday will be open for "open play." "Open play" is were everyone including civilians that are admitted to the base can come and play.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN KURT GIBBONS

We are going to have guns and equipment that active duty members can check out for free and we will also have guns and equipment that other people can rent.



By **MSGT JOHN CLAPP**
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By the time you read this, many of you will have already stood in line at Clothing Sales. For you procrastinators, me included, don't worry because no mandatory wear date has been established. I wouldn't wait too long though; I can see the CSAF setting an early 2006 wear date. With that said, here are the particulars.

Clothing Sales has practically every size. Speaking of size, the outer shell fits very much like BDU's. In fact, they're even sized and labeled the same. The T-Shirts are pretty much standard sized (S, M, L, etc.). The sales ladies will tell you the shorts run small, so I suggest you try before you buy. Total cost is \$141.00. Because it's an official uniform, you can use your UCDPP account. Now for the good stuff; how to properly wear the PT gear.

You can wear any combination of the gear,

but do not mix with civilian clothes. T-Shirts must be tucked into the shorts. Spandex shorts or leggings (Navy blue or black) may be worn under the PT shorts. When wearing the warm-up suit, the jacket will be zipped at least halfway. Stow the hood when not in use. When wearing the pants, zip up the legs. White socks (ankle or calf-length) will be worn. Small conservative trademarks may be on the socks. Shoes must be a conservative color (ie. white, black, dark blue, etc.) Hair must be neat and not allowed to hang loose below the collar.

Personally, I think they fit and look pretty good. But remember, it's an official AF uniform so please observe customs and courtesies as if you were in your blues or BDU's. If you have questions, ask your friendly First Sergeant. Now go get your new PT gear!

Dorm life here at Vandenberg AFB has gone through major changes within the last two years. Here's a little information about the dorms at Vandenberg AFB. From our base leadership, Top Life Dorm Council, dormitory Occupancy rate, Charge of Quarters Program and future upcoming events



Dorm Living

By **TSGT AARON HARRISON**
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We are the first Space Command base that provides Airmen a cyber coffee shop GI Java (Bldg 13406). GI Java provides a non-alcoholic place where Airmen can go to relax, search the internet, drink coffee and eat for free. GI Java is open Monday through Friday from 1800 – 2100. We have opened a 24 hour dormitory home theater system where you can bring your own DVD's and VHS tapes or watch TV. New lounge furniture for all dayrooms, new patio furniture and expanded laundry rooms.

The **base leadership** plays a vital role in dorm life. Dorm sweeps are done as a tool to weed out that 1% of Airmen doing the wrong thing in the dorms. Although it may be an inconvenience to you it shows that they are concerned about

the other 99% doing the right thing! Space Command policy now states that any O-6 or equivalent that visits Vandenberg will tour the dormitories and squadron/group commanders will schedule quarterly inspection visits.

The **Top Life Dormitory Council (TLDC)** makes a difference! Encourage tomorrow's leaders! TLDC fosters responsibility, accountability and teamwork. Be heard! The TLDC meets on the last Wednesday of every month at 1500 hrs at the bldg 13406 (GI Java dayroom). All residents of the dormitories are eligible for membership in this council.

The current **dormitory occupancy rate is 64 percent**. Effective 1 Jan 04, E-1 – E-3s and E-4s with less than 3 YOS are priority two, space required. E-4s with 3 yrs TIS or more are considered priority three, space available. E-4's with 3 yrs TIS or more are authorized to move off base with BAH. In order to make the move, residents are required to complete an Unaccompanied Moving off Base Briefing & have their First Sergeants sign off the request form & forward it to the dormitory Management staff prior to their off base move.

Charge of Quarters (CQ) is conducted during the weekends in the base dormitories. CQ is conducted to maintain good order & discipline within the dormitory area & to identify any problems that need to be corrected in the dorm area.

UPCOMING DORM EVENTS:

- Col Fisher, AFSPC/MS, will also be visiting on the 13 Oct.
- New carpet and bedroom furniture for dorms FY06.

DISCLAIMER: The editorial content in this article does not reflect the perspective of Vandenberg AFB enlisted personnel or leadership; it's merely my opinion. You should make every endeavor to get out and sample the local restaurants. I like restaurants that others don't and vice versa (although they're usually wrong); in fact when someone says they don't like a place – I have to check it out – I'm contrary like that. Now my article:

Food, that's what this is about – the food that I like. You can agree or disagree and if it's the latter, feel free to address your



Restaurant Rant

concerns in the next column. Since this is the inaugural issue of the Enlisted Monthly and there isn't much space I'll start by noting; there's a lot of food around here, more restaurants than you can shake a stick at... And keep shaking because your arm will get tired before you find one worth eating at – unless you have help – that's where I come in.

Go To: **Suvan's**, Lompoc-Excellent; **Ichu Ban**, Santa Maria-Outstanding; **La Tavola**, SLO-pretty good; **La Bon Temps**, Pismo Bch-pretty good; **Tom's Burgers**, Lompoc-decent burger w/great selection of toppings; **Taco Loco**-pricey but very good; **Charlie's Falafel Burgers**, Orcutt-better than Tom's-get the dbl 1/3rd pounder w/avocado; I hear **La Botte** is very good – haven't eaten there yet but the owner's lyrical Italian, broken English has me hoping – My sister's cooking is the standard and my mom reluctantly agrees.

If you want to know where not to eat – just ask me – and try it for yourself.

Best of the Best Anywhere Anytime: **Haven Bros.** for hot dogs, Providence, RI. Nathan's may claim to have invented them, New York claims Coney Island best – I know otherwise.



St. Peter stood at Heaven's gate and greeted a man when he walked up. "Welcome to heaven my son. What did you do with your life?"

"I was a policeman," the man responded.

"What kind of policeman?" St Peter asked.

"I was a vice officer. I kept dangerous narcotics out of the hands of kids."

"Wonderful my son, welcome to heaven. Pass through the gates."

A few moments later a second man arrived.

"Welcome to heaven my son. What did you do with your life?"

"I was a policeman," he responded.

"What kind of policeman?" St Peter asked.

"I was a traffic officer. I kept the roads and highways safe for travelers."

"Well done. Pass through the gates into paradise."

A few moments later a third man walked up.

"Welcome to heaven my son. What did you do with your life?"

"I was a policeman," he responded.

"What kind of policeman?" St Peter asked.

"I was an Air Force Security Policeman, sir."

"Excellent, my son... I've gotta take a pee, watch the gate, will ya?"



Chief's Corner



By **COMMAND CHIEF
TIM GORDON**

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The new *Enlisted Monthly* is a great publication produced from the diligent work and dedication by our Airmen.

Each month, you can expect to read exciting articles that will provide local, major command, and Air Force-wide coverage on topics germane to the enlisted force.

Vandenberg AFB is a base of choice for many military personnel not just because of the central coast locale, but because of the professional opportunities that are afforded through our range and launch operations.

You, the enlisted force make this

mission occur daily with great success.

I applaud all our non-commissioned officers for leading the next generation of professionalism and commitment by your involvement with your people, and by setting high standards. I encourage all enlisted personnel to be the best you can be on and off duty.

Also continue to set goals for yourself, your family, and the mission and you will have the best time of your personal and professional lives!

Remember, to approach every situation with a positive and upbeat attitude, your attitude can and will be a force multiplier!

Did You Know?

New Cash Rewards program with the Chase Club Card. You

now have a choice between the TravelPlus program and the Members Reward Program.

The Travel plus program is a great value for only \$29 per year. You generate 1 point per dollar on club membership card. You can redeem the points for airline travel, hotel reservations, and rental cars. There are no black out dates and is not associated with a specific airline.

The Military Free Cash rewards program introduced about a year ago – a “one-of-a-kind” cash back offer developed for club members only.

- Earn 2 points on-base for every \$1 put on club card in Services activities, theBase Exchange (except gas – earns 1 point), and the Commissary (effective date to be announced. Special bonus points are available for new members.

- Earn 1 point for every \$1 put on club card off base

- No annual fee

- Max point accumulation is 60,000 points per year

- It's easy and convenient to redeem points – call CMS at 1-800-759-0294

- Once you earn at least 2,500 points, you can redeem them for cash (\$25) or for gift cards from well known merchants and restaurants

If you are not currently enrolled or want to switch from TravelPlus to Military Free Cash, simply call Card Member Service (CMS) at 1-800-759-0294.



SURF BOWLING CENTER

Surf lanes have a special night just for Airmen. On Thursday evenings, bowling is just a \$1 per game and a \$1 per shoes. In addition, Rock 300 is available with the Thunder Alley program on Friday and Saturday. (7-10pm) During this time you can phone in your music requests and it is played at the center.

Looking to spend a little quality time with your co-workers? Organization outings are available at a rate of \$1 per game and \$1 shoe rental. Come over and enjoy the center one afternoon.

MARSHALLIA RANCH GOLF COURSE

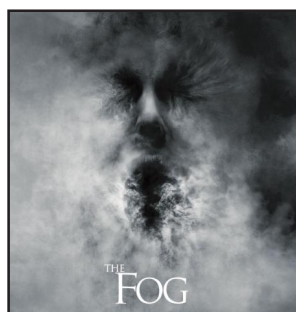
Beginner golfers wanted! The golf course has a variety of lessons available for the beginning golfer. In addition, every Sunday through October, the course offers a family outing at 1500. For a special rate, your family can enjoy a 9-hole outing, cart, and a large bucket of practice balls.

NFL ticket is at the Golf Course. Come watch your favorite team at the golf course on Sunday afternoon. Two wide screen TVs.



Movie View

DOOM PG-13 In the year 2145, a group of Marines on Phobos, one of Mars' moons, face off against monsters who infiltrate their base after an experiment goes seriously awry. Draws the bulk of its storyline from the *Doom III* game.



THE FOG PG-13 A century ago, a ship carrying a leper colony was purposely wrecked by the founders of an isolated Northern California town. Tonight, the ghosts of those who perished years ago seek to exact their revenge. With the casting of young stars Tom Welling (“*Smallville*”) and Maggie Grace (“*Lost*”).